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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008 AND ADVISORY ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 13, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed February 27, 2009 please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. Applicants request a two (2) month extension of time and for the Examiner to enter the Declaration of Joachim Heitbaum submitted on February 13, 2009 via a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed on April 13, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.